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“The Hampden-Sydney student will behave as a gentleman at all times and in all places.”

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WELCOME, CLASS OF 2028!



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Welcome, Class of 2028! I know you’re all busy people, settling into a new life in a new place with tons of new opportunities available to you. So, in lieu of the usual pleasant-ries that accompany a letter of welcome, I would like to give you five lessons that I learned almost too late in college. I’ll give you some of the reasoning behind these lessons, but you’re free

to ignore all of it if you so desire. This is your college experience, after all; and, whatever you decide to do, you’ll make it a good one.

That leads me to the first lesson that I want to give you, perhaps the last one that I learned:

1. Pick a Goal and Pursue It

A good friend of mine helped me figure this out recently. During my first few years in college, I was like a plastic bag

floating in the wind. I had no real direction in what I wanted to study; I was just feeling things out. And that’s alright... for a little bit. However, at some point, you need to pick a goal and pursue it. Whether that means going to graduate school, landing a job at some big firm, or even entering professional sports, you need to devote your time and energy towards that goal. Ask yourself if what you’re doing helps you achieve that goal. If you evaluate

your work using this lens, you will be far more likely to reach your goal. One of the best ways to make sure that you reach your goal is to have friends that will help you along the way; and, luckily for you, Hampden-Sydney is full of these people.

2. Join Social Organizations

There are a lot of ways to make friends at college. You can meet people at parties, in class, or even at the Tiger Inn. But one of the

ways that I’ve found to make genuine, strong personal connections with others is through social organizations. The first of those that you will have access to is clubs. Clubs are a good way to meet people with similar interests to your own, and even some of the more developed and larger clubs throughout campus could sustain strong personal connections in and of themselves. After you’re allowed on the Circle, consider fraternities as well.

They are an excellent way to meet lifelong friends, make important career connections, and even meet a future spouse.

3. Network!

This is an important one. All of these are important, but this is one that many people (including myself) tend to overlook. Hampden-Sydney has one of the best alumni networks in the nation, one that spans decades and is comprised of men

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ON BEING A FRESHMAN

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The time has come, you’re in college now. Maybe it’s something you’ve been looking forward to since you can remember, maybe you barely feel ready. Either way, it’s here. You’ve raked in the congratulations and gifts from well-wishers upon graduating high school and (hopefully) have had a fun summer, now it’s time to do what all those people are expecting you to do.

I could tritely say that you’re not doing it for them, you’re doing it for you, but that wouldn’t be true. Your goals in going to col-

lege should include bringing honor to your family, making them proud, and maybe giving your parents a return on their investment one day. With that in mind, however, the experience itself and your personal goals in college are indeed about you. Like many things in our world, college presents an abundant array of choices—what classes to take, who to spend more time with, what clubs to join, whether to go Greek or not, whether or not to get an on-campus job, whether to do your homework before or after a nap, etc. Just as when you order from a restaurant with many menu items you may

throw up your hands from the pressure to choose and just get what you always get, the choices of college life may cause you to want to stay in your comfort zone. I can assure you though that if you really invest time into trying different things and figuring out what is worthwhile, sampling all the different items at the proverbial buffet, you will end up with a much richer experience than if you had just stuck with what you know.

Last August I walked from convocation to the club fair and saw before me a vast arrangement of tables for all the school organi-

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NICOTINE AND CAFFEINE: AN H-SC MAN’S GUIDE (SATIRE)

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Cig and Coffee A timeless classic

Reminiscent of the traditions of our fathers and grandfathers, cigs and coffee is the perfect way to begin your day. Rarely can one truly wake up early enough to have time for a proper breakfast, have no fear for a quick cigarette will quickly smooth trembling hands and quiet a rumbling belly. A cup of black coffee along with your smoke will bring life to your veins and remove the final vestiges of sleep from your eyes. This duo is fast acting and

tough to beat, quintessentially American, if you chose to partake in cigs and coffee you will be a force to be reckoned with. Indeed, rumor has it, if you sit down and sip your coffee in between drags on the cigarette, a paper copy of The Wall Street Journal appears in your hands for you to peruse.

Zyn and White Monster A more modern choice

For the new age man, this combination of synthetic joy pumps shocking amounts of caffeine and nicotine directly to your brain (where it belongs). While cigs and coffee are meant to be savored in the

comfort of ones own dorm, Zyn’s and White Monsters can be consumed anywhere (even in class) for maximum efficiency. Any flavor of Monster can realistically be used, but the white ones just have an unmatched kick to them. Precise dosages of nicotine and caffeine allow one to walk a razor thin line between nigh infinite energy and cardiac arrest. As an added bonus, keeping a graveyard of Zyn cans and empty Monster’s as a testament to the trials and tribulations which necessitated their use.

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SLUDGE REPORT:
FROM YOUR FRIENDLY
NEIGHBOURHOOD
CHEMICAL WASTE DUMP

Frat scouting for those who can “actually hold their liquor” begins

Breaking: More beer = more fun

Trust me, you can absolutely do that essay in two hours

Hair of the dog method not to be taken literally: PETA launches investigation into H-SC

Grammarly stocks up 4.6% as new wave of freshmen enter the Rhetoric program

UPLS announces its parties will only be playing Mozart and Verdi, just to be different

382 more people scammed into believing girls come to this campus

TEN GENERAL TIPS FOR FRESHMEN:

BROUGHT TO YOU BY

YOUR H-SC BROTHERS AND MENTORS

- 1.GET GOOD SLEEP - Getting a good night’s sleep helps you work well the next day, improves your mood, and keeps your day scheduled.
- 2.GET ORGANIZED - It saves you time and gives you peace of mind.
- 3.TAKE A BREAK - You spend a lot of time working in college; your mind needs a rest every now and then.
- 4.BE NICE TO PROFESSORS - Professors give you your grades, and they are incredibly knowledgeable about their fields.
- 5.EAT PLENTY OF FOOD - We have a Commons for a reason. Don’t let your next assignment keep you from getting proper nutrition.
- 6.KEEP AN EYE ON FINAL PROJECTS AND EXAMS - They can sneak up on you quickly and ruin your last few weeks at school.
- 7.READ THE SYLLABUS - Professors spend all summer working on their syllabi. It’s their baby. Don’t mistreat their baby.
- 8.DO WORK THE DAY BEFORE - Last-minute homework is seldom good work.
9. MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR EXPERIENCE - College is expensive. Don’t waste your money.
10. FINISH ASSIGNMENTS EARLY - This gives you time to look over your work and improve it, helping you get a much better grade.

ADVICE

5 PLACES EVERY FRESHMAN SHOULD GO

SATCHEL BOWLING '27
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the class of '28. Given that I was in your shoes last fall, I'd like to provide some friendly advice that served me well as I got my start on The Hill. Below I've included some events and places that everyone (but especially those who have just arrived here) should visit in order to get the most out of their HSC experience. In order to get the most out of your time here, it's essential that you engage in activities beyond going to class and studying (as a consequence I've omitted obvious places to see such as Bortz, Pannil, and Morton).

1) The Club Fair
While not so much a physical location as an event, the club fair is the place for you to meet people who share interests with you and to explore new interests that you might not even know you have.

Aside from the fact that sharing a common interest is a great way to make friends, practicing a hobby or skill makes for a nice change from studying and writing essays. If you've always wanted to try Brazilian Ju-Jitsu, rugby, or golf, you're in luck, there's a club for each. Maybe theatre, or strategy games, or radio broadcasting is more your thing, good news: there's a club for that as well. The best part is that you need no prior experience to join basically any club you want. Your fellow HSC Tigers will be happy to show you the ropes and teach you a skill you can enjoy forever. So don't miss your chance to get your foot in the door, come out to the club fair.

2) UPLS
You'll notice small fliers around campus with a large RESOLVED at the top, followed by some statement. Sunday, 6:00 sharp, the doors of the Schaeffer

house will lock and this statement will be debated in the manner of the oldest continually operating debate society in the country. At its core, that's what the Union-Philanthropic Literary Society is: a group of individuals who seek to meaningfully debate interesting ideas and questions. For an incoming freshman, this is a great forum to practice ones persuasive and public speaking skills. The Society has many traditions and habits dating back years and is one of the oldest institutions on HSC. Coat and tie is required to enter so be sure to whip out that navy blazer and remember to knock three times upon the door. Even if you have no interest in public speaking or debate, it can still be rewarding to just attend and not speak (speakers are chosen at the discretion of the President and if you don't want to speak simply don't raise your hand). Note that the 2 week restriction on fresh-

men visiting The Circle does not apply to those attending UPLS meetings.

3) The Circle
Perhaps the biggest social hub at HSC, The Circle is the collective Greek and Club housing on campus. While freshmen cannot visit The Circle in the first 2 weeks of the semester, once that prohibition has expired I would highly encourage you to go out and explore. Even if you don't think you are interested in pledging come spring, going out to The Circle is a great way to meet new people (including guests from other schools) outside of the classroom. If you are looking for parties and live music to kick off the weekend, be sure to visit The Circle.

4) Guest Lectures
HSC and her respective clubs and organization frequently host guest lectures who give talks on a wide variety of subjects. These are a great way to learn

more about something you've never really thought about before. Attending these lectures ensures that you are getting the most out of your HSC experience and reflects the spirit of a liberal arts education. During my freshman year, I attended lectures hosted by the Wilson Center, the Philosophy Club, and Omicron Delta Kappa to name a few. Never did I feel that I had wasted my time nor was I bored by the speakers, who spoke on subjects ranging from Leibniz to leadership. Hardly a week goes by without a visitor to the college coming to speak so don't let this opportunity slip away. As an added bonus, lectures frequently take place on the upper floor of Pannil, so you can grab dinner right after.

5) Outdoor Adventures
Speaking more generally, Hampden-Sydney is a great place for outdoor exploration.

With over 1300 acres of campus to explore and multiple ponds on campus perfect for fishing, get outside and enjoy nature while you can. Check out the Wilson Trail, Tadpole Hole (Frisbee golf), and the various ponds. If you are interested in golf, check out a pass to The Manor on the 3rd floor of Brown Student Center. Don't forget to speak to Dean Schmolesky about the various outings he and the Department of High Adventure host. These are just a few of the outdoor opportunities presented on campus, don't let them pass you by.

While I certainly haven't mentioned everything there is to do. I hope that I've give you some ideas about where to start exploring now that you've begun your college years at HSC. Again, welcome to The Hill.

LESSONS FROM MY FRESHMAN YEAR

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Welcome, Class of '28! I hope you enjoy your time on the Hill as much as I did. As I begin my second year at HSC, I'd like to share with you all some of my reflections from my first year to help you as you begin this new chapter of your life.

1) Self discipline is key

I did the math, and worked out that I spent about 17 hours per week sitting in a classroom for lessons or reading groups. For comparison, I spent 35 hours per week in class during my high school years (this is without including extracurricular). You don't have to be a mathematician to realize that this is a significant amount of additional free time. How you spend this time will determine if your time at HSC is a success or not.



The quintessential college all-nighters to finish an essay are a harsh reality, and absolutely undesirable. To avoid needless stress and do your best possible work set aside plenty of time to do work during the day. Just working for an hour or two a day can save you massive amounts of frustration later. I found that by setting aside a block of time every evening to work on homework, I could finish projects comfortably ahead of time and rarely had to work

on the weekends. Self discipline is essential to stress free success at school.

2) Say yes to every opportunity

Every week, emails and posters will inform you of various opportunities happening around campus. You will also be informed by your professors of chances to attend dinners, events, conventions, club meetings, and more. I highly encourage you to explore as many of

who are masters of their field. These men, your brothers, can help you attain greatness, but you have to engage with them. You have to show them that you want to help them and yourself. You have to prove your ability. All of this you can do if you simply reach out to them. The Career Center is a great resource for this. Also, we have alumni come back to campus all of the time for everything from seminars to football games. It may not hurt to introduce yourself, within reason.

4. Limit Screen Time

This one hurts. Normally evokes eye rolls and lip service. But install an app tracker on your phone, and you'll see what I mean. The statistics are often depressing, and the implication that you have spent a large portion of your life on Earth staring at a screen is even more

so. That being said, any form of free time is free time well spent if it helps prepare you for the next day. Unfortunately, screen time – more than any other form of free time – tends to demand more and more of your time, eventually harming your ability to function the next day. Because of this, it is better to limit your screen time going into college. People say you should limit yourself to two hours each day. Personally, I can't do that. Instead, I try to keep Sunday entirely screen-free. We'll see if that works.

5. Work Hard, Then Play Hard

This is a phrase I have heard all throughout my time at Hampden-Sydney. During freshman year, I thought that meant work extremely hard during the week so that you can party all weekend. During sophomore year, I was rudely awakened to the reali-

ty that doing so is extremely difficult and even ill-advised. So then what does this mean? After years of grappling with this question, I think it means that you should work ahead in your classes. Use the first few weeks of school. Hit the ground running. You can't go on Fraternity Circle anyway. Work ahead in your classes, and I can guarantee you that your Finals Week will be much easier.

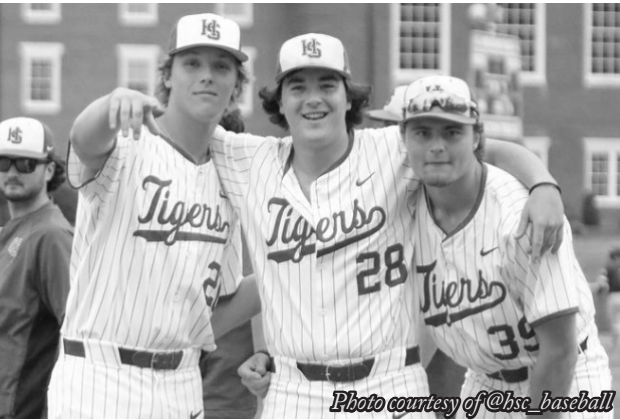
Those were five lessons that I learned almost too late in college. Hopefully, they will help you out as you spend your time here at Hampden-Sydney College. This is a special place, chock-full of people who want nothing more than to see you succeed. Use this place, and you can do what you want to do. Good luck, Class of 2028! Not that you need it.

LIFE

STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE:
A NEW ERA FOR H-SC BASEBALL

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In case you missed it over the summer, a significant change is coming to Hampden-Sydney Baseball. Jeff Kinne, the all-time winningest coach in our baseball program's history, resigned last year in his 21st season with the Tigers. While baseball does not start for



our boys until the spring, this unforeseen loss brings several questions: Who will lead our baseball team this season? What does this change mean for our program? Will we improve or face challenges? With over 400 wins and a trip to the College World Series in 2005, it's clear that the new coach will have some big shoes to fill. Coach

Kinne leaves behind an impressive record of 417-372-6 since 2004, including 215-176-1 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC). During his tenure he had 13 overall winning seasons, 17 seasons at .500 or better in the ODAC, four 25-win efforts, and 12 20-win campaigns. Kinne was also a three-time ODAC Coach of the Year (2005, 2007, 2010) and the 2005 American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Division III South Region Coach of the Year.

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CELEBRATING OUR
ALL-AMERICAN ATHLETES

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At Hampden-Sydney, we uphold strict standards of academic and personal excellence. Our motto, "good men and good citizens," is a guiding principle for students who live by our honor code. The rigorous academic environment here also tests students in ways that few other campuses can match. While these values are integral to our campus culture, there's another aspect we take pride in: producing exceptional athletes for Division III sports. This past summer, a few of our athletes were honored with the prestigious title of 'All-American'—an accolade that is quite familiar to some.

Nick Rubino and Connor Kilfeather are two standout student-athletes at Hampden-Sydney who exemplify this high standard. Nick Rubino was named an honorable mention on the 2024 Division III PING All-America Men's Golf Teams by the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA). This isn't new for Nick; he also earned honorable mention All-American in 2022 after leading the Tigers to a National Run-

ner-Up finish at the NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championships. More impressively, Nick is only the fourth golfer in H-SC history to receive multiple All-America honors. Boasting a collegiate-low 73.85 scoring average through 10 tournaments and 26 rounds this past year, Nick Rubino's outstanding collegiate performances will likely earn him a well-deserved place in our Athletic Hall of Fame.

Connor Kilfeather, a 6-foot senior from Wyndmoor, PA, recently completed his best season for the Garnet and Grey. Leading the team with 39 caused turnovers and 82 ground balls, he ranked second in the ODAC for caused turnovers and eighth for ground balls. Additionally, Connor contributed five goals and two assists. His standout performance included a week where he secured 14 ground balls and six caused turnovers, earning him ODAC Defensive Player of the Week honors. For his remarkable efforts, Connor was named a Second Team All-American by the Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IMLCA). This recognition follows his earlier Second Team

All-American honor from the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) last month.

As we celebrate the achievements of Nick and Connor, we recognize the dedication, hard work, and excellence they embody. Their accomplishments reflect not only their personal commitment, but also the supportive yet challenging environment at Hampden-Sydney that nurtures such talent. Their success should inspire current and future students to strive for greatness both on and off the field.

In conclusion, the achievements of our All-American athletes highlight the well-rounded excellence that Hampden-Sydney fosters. As we continue to honor our tradition of producing both top-tier students and athletes, we look forward to seeing more students rise to this level of distinction. Nick Rubino and Connor Kilfeather are shining examples of what it means to be a Tiger, setting a high standard for those who follow in their footsteps.

zations, each staffed by enthusiastic students competing to get as many of their newly-minted H-SC brothers as they could signed up for their groups. There were some things I already knew I wanted to try, but there were others that simply grabbed my attention or had convincing spokesmen. I decided I would sign up for as many things as I was interested in, and then see what I had time for later. This was easy enough to do, but actually giving everything a fair shake and trying it out was a different task. Don't worry if you've never tried a particular sport or activity before, most clubs are full of guys excited about what they do and enthusiastic to show it to others. I had never done martial arts before last fall, but I showed up to Jiu-Jitsu club. Jake Johnson and the other guys there made me feel right at home. It took a month or so, but I was quickly able to prioritize what activities were most important. Even if something doesn't seem like your thing, if it has a strong legacy on campus, it's good to give it a once over. I would recommend, for example,

that every freshman check out at least one Sunday evening meeting of the Union Philanthropic Literary Society.

The next bit of advice is standard-fare, but it's true, your academics come first. You'll hear it from many people, and I myself can back them up as someone for whom being a freshman is a recent memory. You may have been able to maintain straight As in high school without really trying, but that is not so in college, especially one with our relative standards. The common wisdom is that at Hampden-Sydney it may be easy to do the bare minimum, but excelling takes effort. If you're here, it's because a panel of people looked at and discussed your application and decided you were capable of excelling in this environment. From what I've seen of our school versus others, we have a strong culture of accountability when it comes to "locking in" on schoolwork during the week, keeping the fun of the weekend special. It is a battle for everyone to balance academic work with extracurriculars and social obligations while contending

with the many distractions at our fingertips. Find a good group of guys to study with and try finding a good spot outside your room to study that is relatively distraction free.

The first night I arrived on campus I laid down to sleep after a truly fun and memorable first day. I was tired in the right way and was peacefully beginning to drift off. One thought punctuated the somnolence, however. This year is going to go by so fast. I imagined falling asleep and waking up to the end of spring semester already. I resolved in that moment to take advantage of every opportunity and make lasting memories. Y'all are at a special place, but there's only so much I can tell you, for you to believe it you have to experience it for yourself. Once you do, you'll want to make the most of those experiences. While it's still quite early for me as a sophomore, I think so far I have made the most of my fleeting time here on the hill, and I want to put the class behind me in the mindset to do so as well, as early as they can.

MR. JONES
GOES TO WASHINGTON

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For those of you who know me, you know that I tend to be a bit of a cheap-skate. For example, I recently put my cooking skills to the test in order to develop a meal that I could eat on for exactly \$1 daily, a concoction that my family has lovingly termed "dog food." Being a cheapskate, the last thing that anyone would expect of me is to make a last-minute purchase. But when I learned that Green Day was playing Nationals Park in July to promote their new album Saviors, I didn't have any trouble reading my credit

card number. A minute later, I was the proud owner of two tickets for Row M, seats 420 and 421. Now, I just needed to find someone who I could convince to come see a band of three punk rockers who all had children older than myself. Luckily, I had just the person in mind, the most important woman in my life. That's right; I took my mother to a Green Day concert.

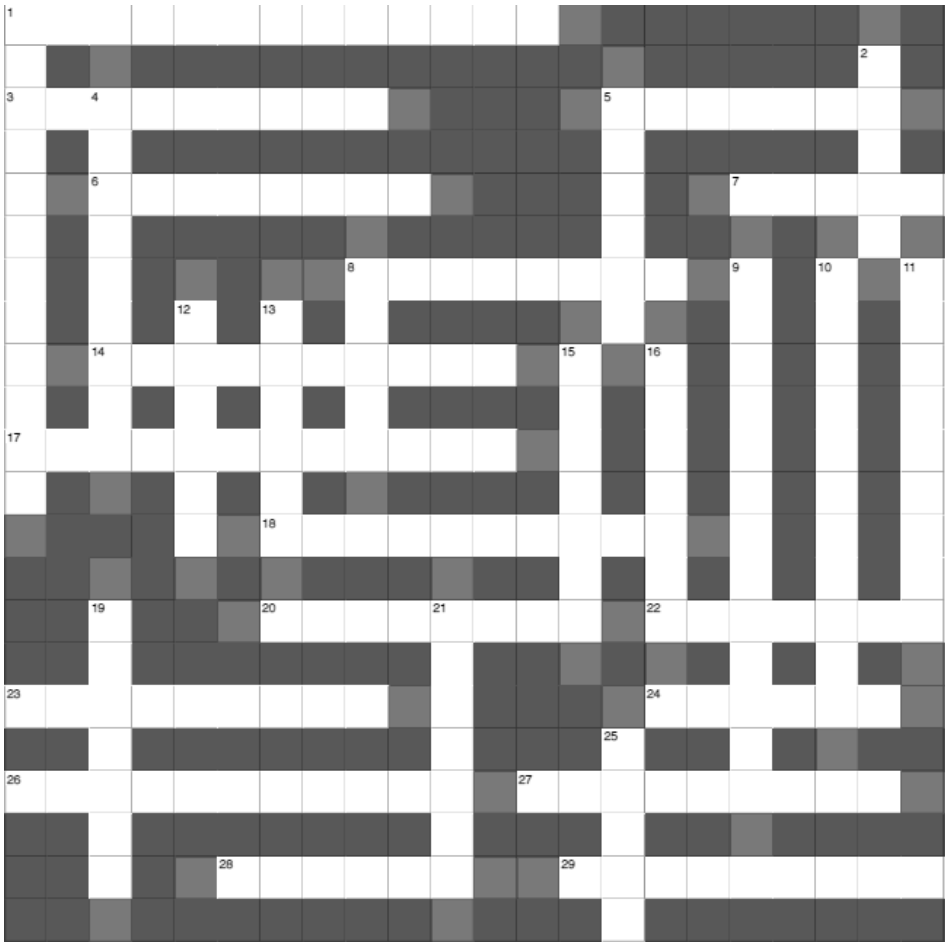
And thank God I did! As a 22 year-old college student, I had not yet learned the importance of checking - and more importantly heeding - the weather forecast. So when God decided that He didn't want Rancid to open for Green

Day and sent a veritable tropical storm to that effect, my mother and I were the only two people in a crowd of almost 50,000 to have ponchos. That day, I received more compliments on my clothing from more women than at any other point in my life, proving both that my mother knows what women want and that I most emphatically do not. These compliments were like sweet perfume to my troubled mind; and, considering that my 14 year-old brother had spent the past three days camping in my poncho, I needed all the perfume I could get.

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PEANUT GALLERY

CROSSWORD



My father always told me to look up the definitions of words that I came across as I was reading so that I could “improve my lexicon.” After ~20 years, I figure it might be time to listen to him. To force myself to follow through, I have decided to make my crosswords from words that I come across in certain books. These are works of literature that I find personally entertaining... or that I am forced to read by our benevolent dictators. Point is, we are going to learn a heck of a lot of fancy, new words from these crosswords.

This issue’s crossword comes from economist Thomas Sowell’s *Social Justice Fallacies*, a critique of the modern social justice movement in America. In this short work, Sowell makes both informed and ridiculous deductions that appeal to and disgust people across the political spectrum. While this crossword has been run in a previous issue, I included it again here because I have been told that my crosswords are simply too hard. Let me know what you think, Class of 2028. Good luck!

RICHARD D. JONES ‘25
CRUCIVERBALIST

ACROSS

1. When two things are measurable by the same standard
3. a substitute, especially in terms of a mother
5. lavish, “full” to some
6. genealogy of a pet or noble
7. a principle, often religious
8. a type of Chinese beer
14. another word for “teenage”
17. general improvement, especially of a word’s meaning
18. Here’s a hint: the land behind a coast or river
20. a section divided by five
22. French, Italian, or just generally fancy cooking

23. a derogatory name for Herbert Coward in *Deliverance*
24. twenties (plural)
26. one who believes that all are equal
27. ugly, ridiculously so
28. various, miscellaneous, dried by the sun
29. relating to a city or town, especially its government

DOWN

1. containing people from many countries, often in a city
2. loads of paper
4. deny the truth of, refuse to be associated with
5. a type of socialism, founded by a Brit
8. understood implicitly
9. timid, showing a lack of courage like

- a cat
11. can’t get rid of something, even on the black market
12. an organized political state
13. scarcity that makes dear
15. boring, describing the task of doing this crossword
16. belonging to a spiritual awakening in Judaism
19. a fall in logical reasoning
21. skipping school, but a crime
25. popular, fashionable, “in”

THE IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING

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NEWS EDITOR

Many Founding Fathers did not trust the country’s general population to choose their leaders responsibly. In a letter to James Sullivan, John Adams wrote that “few men, who have no property, have any judgment of their own.” The crux of this sentiment was not that those without property were not valuable, but rather that Adams thought the best way to make sure the right decisions were being made for everyone in the country was to trust those who were more likely to be educated or otherwise knowledgeable.

Over time, we reduced the qualifications necessary for enfranchisement, but we have maintained that voters should understand what they are advocating for; every citizen does not merely have a duty to vote, but to cast an informed vote.

We put this principle into practice today through outlets like the news. The average American does not have the time or resources to follow the actions of so



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many politicians or collect meticulous data on the successes and failures of a new arrival to the spotlight. Therefore, they must rely on the media to collect and present this data to the population.

An argument could be made that—in the same way the news presents the information to those without the resources to do so for themselves—those with political knowledge should present their analyses to those people without sufficient expertise to do so for themselves. However, Adams and many others thought it would be better that a citizen abstain from voting entirely than “talk and vote as they are directed [by another].”

As news agencies shift more towards presenting the analyses of political experts, Americans humble enough to recognize their lack of expertise have their politics decided for them by whomever they hear on the radio and see on television. This creates factions of Americans who know they are right but cannot articulate why, so when opposing groups encounter each other they cannot present information, only state that they are correct and that the other group is wrong.

This phenomenon occurs more often as people polarized by the media lose trust in sources that disagree with the information they know

WASHINGTON, CON.

There was a far greater range of people at Green Day’s concert than I had expected. I thought most of the concert-goers would be either my Bacchus-worshipping peers or octogenarians trying to remember what that worship felt like. I was dead wrong. Evidently, several parents thought that Green Day’s signature style of slurs and suicide was appropriate for children aged 5 - 10.

To best convey just how many characters were present at this concert, I think it’s best if I describe the people sitting directly around me. To my left was my mother, a middle-aged woman whose son had dragged her out to see his favorite band. To her left was a child, a little boy whose father had dragged him out to see his favorite band. In front of him

was a woman who decided that a Green Day concert was the perfect place to cosplay as Ruth Bader Ginsburg. To her right was a lonely woman whose friends had decided to flake on her at the last moment, making me very glad to have company. To her right (and directly in front of me) was a man who had painted the word “Stupid” on the front of his t-shirt and had stuck a “Kick Me” note on the back. Before I had the chance to fulfill his wish, a particularly amorous couple sat down to my right and began arguing about whether their parents should find out about their “arrangement.” Truly, I was in the presence of D.C. high society.

Or so I thought before the best of the best suddenly appeared. On our way out of the concert, my mother and I ran

into two drunk millennials. The more intoxicated of the two, immediately after seeing my mother, said to me, “Is that your sister, dude? She’s really beautiful.”

That’s where my story should end. But the Good Lord, in His infinite mercy, decided that I should see a friendly face before I headed home from that concert. As I made my way back to my car, who should I see but a professor from good old H-SC! Our eyes met. He shrugged at me. I shrugged in response. And we both silently agreed, then and there, to never mention that we saw each other at a Green Day concert. This story has two morals. First, wherever you are, Hampden-Sydney will always be there for you. Second, always bring a poncho.



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NICOTINE, CON.

Nicotine and Caffeine Pills For the true masters of optimization

Want to avoid the pesky smell of smoke following you around or the trouble of discreetly throwing a used Zyn packet into the bushes? Nicotine gum is the product for you. Chewing gum has been showed to increase alertness, consuming nicotine has been shown to increase happiness (source: your chain-smoking uncle), what's not to love? You can gnaw on nicotine gum all day and pop in caffeine pills at regular intervals to make sure your sleep deprived body never actually feels the abuse you have been putting it through. Time it right and you'll fall instantly to sleep as

the chemical stimulant crash can occur precisely when you want to go to bed.

Cigars and Whisky An homage to Highballs Churchill

Too expensive for anyone that isn't a member of the British aristocracy. I would not recommend this method to anyone who has not recently come into an inheritance or wants to live past 80. There are however, times in which the party went on a little too long last night, and the hair of the dog is the only possible solution. If you wish to recall the spirit of the true HSC gentleman, then bottoms up. For a more economical option however, I'd recommend a hit of your friend's vape and a dollar

beer from the TI.

And so now armed with knowledge you make make an informed decision. What shall it be? Timeless tradition or aggressive modernity? Choose well, as you shall be shaped by your decision for many years, until chest pain and coughing up blood causes you to give up stimulants for good. Nicotine and Caffeine are truly a double edged sword, keen is their blade and we who would make something of ourselves must wield it while we can. So pop one in your upper lip, light one up, or wash one down with some spa water from Moans and prepare yourself for your year at HSC.

these things as you can. Even if you are only vaguely interested in whatever subject may be on the table, try it! It is highly likely that you will find something new to do and explore that you otherwise would never have known about. The essence of the liberal arts education is total academic enrichment in every subject matter and it is impossible to acquire this enrichment without personal effort. Seek out this opportunities and seize them when they are presented to you. By doing this I ended up on the HSC Ethics Bowl team, writing and working for The Tiger, working in the Office of College Advancement, and took part in several clubs and reading groups. Not only does this make life more interesting, it gives you a chance to learn and develop

new skills (plus the more things you do and join the more free polos and lapel pins you will collect). Make the most out of your college experience and say yes to every opportunity.

3) Make personal connections

Once while working at a summer internship, I was asked by an attorney where I was going to school. I told him I was going to HSC and he chuckled and said "That's great, the Hampden-Sydney Mafia is real". This Hampden-Sydney Mafia is not simply our alumni network, but describes the personal connections you will form with your fellow Tigers, your professors, and others that you will meet during your time here. Initiation into this Mafia is simple (you don't have to dip anyone in con-

crete and drop them into Chalgrove) all you have to do is meet people. Take advantage of the personal nature of HSC and form connections with people. If you want to disappear into the crowd, you've come to the wrong place. I would advice you to attend networking events, get to know professors and faculty members, and interact with your fellow Tigers. The close knit nature of the HSC community is what allows for lifelong connections to be formed. Don't squander the greatest part of going to a small school and make personal connections with people.

I sincerely hope that you enjoy your time here at HSC. I hope this advice helps you along your college journey and look forward to seeing you all on The Hill!

REPORTING, CON.

and seek out news agencies and social media that confirm that information.

In the short term, it may be easier or more profitable to lean into the provided analyses. However, this practice has very detrimental effects on the ability of the common citizen to analyze their own information and decide how to

vote for themselves.

By increasing the amount of raw information available to citizens, we can allow citizens to educate themselves on important matters and fulfill their civic duty responsibly. However, to truly achieve this end, it is equally important that a citizen be allowed, without stigma, to decide

that they are not qualified to vote on a matter—let alone determine who is so qualified that they should be backed by the force of multiple votes. With practices like these, we can not only reinstate trust in the media but also more effectively direct our country in whatever direction we see fit.

BASEBALL, CON.

As we look forward to the new season, anticipation builds around what will be different and will his replacement set up. New leadership could bring different approaches to winning games and developing our players, but it could also take us in the wrong direction.

Regardless of what happens though, the legacy Coach Kinne leaves behind sets a high bar, but it also provides a strong foundation for future success. Although change brings uncertainty, it also opens the door for new opportunities and growth. Hopefully, our boys

and Tiger Ball will be in a good, if not better, spot than they were last year. Only time will tell.



The Hampden-Sydney Tiger Staff, circa 1979. Courtesy: the Kaleidoscope

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